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SUBJECT: YAR MEDIA REPORT ETHIOPIAN SEIZURE OF YEMENI SEAMEN

REF: SANA 3001 (NOTAL)

1. YAR MEDIA HAVE GIVEN FIRST COVERAGE TO ETHIOPIAN SEIZURE OF SEVERAL YEMENIS IN TWO RED SEA INCIDENTS EARLIER THIS MONTH DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. DETAILS OF THE TWO INCIDENTS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED TO EMBASSY BY MFA. SANA RADIO INDICATED EVENING AUGUST 30 THAT AUGUST 9 EPISODE INVOLVED ETHIOPIAN SEIZURE OF YEMENI SAILING VESSEL WITH SEVEN MAN CREW WHICH WAS PROCEEDING TO MOKHA FROM DJIBOUTI. THIS DIFFERS FROM MFA UNDERSECRETARY HUSAYN AL-AMRI'S COMMENTS TO US THAT SEVEN PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF YEMENI VESSEL COMING FROM MOMBASA. SANA RADIO SAID SECOND INCIDENT IN LATE AUGUST INVOLVED SEIZURE OF THREE FISHERMEN RATHER THAN TWO AS MENTIONED BY AMRI.

3. SANA RADIO WENT ON TO REPORT YARG HAS SENT SEPARATE NOTES TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND ARAB LEAGUE PROTESTING
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ETHIOPIA'S ACTION AND NON-RESPONSE TO YAR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN

YEMENIS' RELEASE. NOTES ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID YARG RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO UNDERTAKE WHATEVER ACTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE
IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE INCIDENTS.
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